

POTENTIAL AREAS FOR SCRUTINY REVIEW –2005-06

Service Area	Area for review	Potential scope	Justification	Recommended by
Environment				
Urban Living	Highways maintenance	Timeliness of repairs	Number of complaints from residents about the state of the pavements	Resident nomination
	Waste Management	Monitoring of Scrutiny Review into Waste Management (completed March 2004)	Monitoring and follow up is a standard part of the committee's responsibility. Waste management is also a high priority for public (MORI survey). Waste is also subject to BVPIs and LPSA targets.	Scrutiny Unit
	Community Safety	Opportunity for a high level review of how services are working together to increase resident's perceptions of community safety.	Harrow has one of the lowest rates of crime among London boroughs, however residents do not hold this perception. Residents noted this as a priority in the MORI survey. Due to the cross-cutting nature of this topic there may be scope for Environment and Economy and Strengthening Communities sub-committees to work together on this issue.	Director/Scrutiny Unit

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	Parks and Gardens maintenance	What is the Council's strategy for maintaining these areas	<p>Raised by a resident for input into the work programme</p> <p>Raised also in the MORI survey as an area of concern for residents. Impacts on other areas of the council's work (i.e. community safety, image of council etc).</p>	Resident nomination
	Traffic Volume	How are the council managing traffic issues in the borough?	<p>Raised by a resident for input into the work programme.</p> <p>The sub-committee will provide a response to the Draft Traffic Local Implementation Plan in March 2005.</p>	Resident nomination
	Green Belt management	Monitoring of green belt management.	The sub-committee has had an ongoing responsibility to monitoring decisions regarding how the green belt will be managed. A report on this is due to be presented to the committee.	Scrutiny Unit Following on from previous committee work.
	Improved public housing	What efforts are being made to improve public housing?	A priority for Urban Living is the improvement of 1000 sub-standard properties. This provides the opportunity for Scrutiny to review.	Scrutiny Unit Urban Living Service Plan
	Area based management	How is area based management bedding down.	Area based management is just beginning to bed down in the Council. This would be an opportunity to review how it is bedding down and impacting on service delivery.	Scrutiny Unit Urban Living Service Plan

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	Your Home - Your needs best value review.	Monitor progress against the action plan.	The committee has received reports regarding the council's progress against this action plan. This should continue to be monitored.	Scrutiny Unit
	Food Safety Audit	Monitor progress in implementing recommendations.	A report was conducted into Food Safety in 2004. The Council are currently responding to recommendations from this report. It would be useful for the committee to monitor this.	Scrutiny Unit Urban Living Service Plan
	Regeneration work in Harrow	How effective has the regeneration work been in Harrow?	Regeneration of Harrow has been a key priority for the council. This should be monitored by the committee.	Scrutiny Unit Community Strategy
	Next Generation Local Public Service Agreements	Agreeing priorities for next generation of LPSAs	The committee could contribute in the early stages of the council developing new LPSA targets before May 2005.	Scrutiny Unit
	Disruption of Train Services	What has been done to minimise the impact on residents.	Train services have been interrupted on the Metropolitan line due to work at Wembley Park. The resident nominating this item is interested in a review on how residents were advised about these disruptions, how the schedule of disruptions was determined and so on.	Resident Nomination.

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	Review of Public Realm	Assist in the preparation of this review	Public Realm will be reviewed by the Audit Office this year. Scrutiny could have a role in assisting in the preparation for this review.	Scrutiny Unit Urban Living
Economy				
Urban Living	Small Business Assistance	Review of small business assistance and success in Harrow.	Community Strategy highlights supporting and encouraging small business as a priority for Harrow.	Scrutiny Unit Follow on from previous committee work.
	Liquor Licensing Act 2003	Monitoring of the impact of Liquor Licensing Act 2003.	Scrutiny has been involved in monitoring the impact of the introduction of the Liquor Licensing Act 2003. The This work should continue	Scrutiny Unit Follow on from previous committee work.
	Tourism in Harrow	Review of work being done to increase tourism in Harrow.	Tourism plays an important part in the economy. The sub-committee are positioned to review this	Scrutiny Unit